

Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Survey No. B-4863

1. Name

Historic 2 - 26 North Port Street
and / common

2. Location

street & number 2 - 26 North Port Street
city, town Baltimore
state & zip code Maryland 21231 county

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	X occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
X building(s)	X private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	X private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	X yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name
street & number telephone
city, town state & zip code

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore City Land Records liber
street & number Clarence Mitchell Courthouse folio
city, town Baltimore State Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title
date federal state county local
depository for survey records
city, town state & zip code

7. Description

Condition

☐ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check One

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check One

☒ original site
☐ moved:
date of move: _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

This row of thirteen two-story, two-bay wide Italianate-style brick houses with shed roofs and simple wood cornices were built in the 1880s. Only three of the houses retain their original brick facades, which have been painted; the rest are covered with formstone.

The houses are two stories in height, 12' wide (13'6" for the two north end houses), and occupy lots 55' deep. Each house is two rooms deep and there is no backbuilding. The houses are constructed in running bond and were originally painted. Each house has a single hooded chimney located at the rear corner of the house. The shed roofs are capped by a simple wooden cornice consisting only of a series of moldings.

The tall, narrow window and door openings have segmentally arched brick lintels and plain tympanums. None of the original 2/2 sash survive, most openings being filled with 1/1 replacement sash. The sills are brick. Doorways have single-light transoms. A few of the original Arts-and-Crafts-style doors survive, with tall, narrow vertical glass panels framed at top and bottom by small square or rectangular panels, all framed in narrow molding strips. The houses sit on high basements, lit by a double-light sash. Each house is reached by five or six brick or metal steps, set parallel to the facade.

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8. Significance

Period	Area of significance	check one & justify			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> social/	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other: specif	

Specific dates c. 1885

Builder/Architect

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

This group of plain Italianate-style houses are unusual for the very simple wooden cornice treatment, which may represent the choice of an individual builder or a later replacement of an original bracketed cornice. The houses were built according to a pattern that was quite common to the city's working class neighborhoods of the period 1870 to 1910. Recognizing that workers held different levels of jobs (and pay), builders created a hierarchy of house sizes (and prices) in the new neighborhoods going up to serve the expanding factory districts ringing the harbor and northeast of the central city. Builders acquired anywhere from an eighth to a half of a city block and built 14' to 15'-wide two-story houses on the main streets, and smaller, 11' to 13'-wide two-story houses on the narrower streets bisecting the blocks. Typically, in this period, main street houses might sell for \$1,200 to \$1,500; small street houses for \$700 - \$900.

The land originally on which these houses are built belonged to the Patterson family as part of their 18th century estate, which also included the land given by the family to the city for Patterson Park. In the 1870s and 1880s the Patterson heirs began developing this block by leasing parcels to various builders who constructed modestly-scaled and priced housing for the mainly German immigrant families who were settling near the port-related fledgling industries of Canton. Most of the houses sold to mainly German-American semi-skilled tradesmen and laborers employed in nearby factories, who received mortgages from a variety of local building and loans, many of them sponsored by the German community.

9. Major Bibliographic References

Mary Ellen Hayward and Charles Belfoure, *The Baltimore Rowhouse*
(New York: Princeton Architectural Press, 1999)

10. Geographic Data

Acreage of nominated property

Quadrangle name

Verbal boundary description and justification

11. Form Prepared by

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100 Community Place

Crownsville MD 21032-2023

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2-26 N. Port St.

BALTO. MD

CHURCH

1657

1658

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1672

1673

1674

1675

87

75

50

35

PACKING
HOUSE

1690

1691

1692

1693

6

PUBLIC
SCHOOL
No 83

70

70

PHILADELPHIA

39.60

MONTFORD

N. PORT

N. MILTON

N. ROSE

N. LUZERNE

N. GLOVER

N. LAKEWOOD

N. BAXTER

93.5

77.6

50

59.5

1725

1726

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ST. ELIZABETH'S
R.C.
CHURCH

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ALLEY-FAYETTE-FAIRMOUNT

PORT-MILTON

N MIL N AVE

E FAIRMOUNT AVE

N LUZERNE AVE

N ROSE-LUZERNE

N ROSE ST

MILTON-ROSE

FAIRMOUNT-BALTIMORE

N PORT-MILTON

N PORT ST

N MONTFORD AVE

MONTFORD-PORT

FAIRMOUNT-BALTIMORE

N BRADFORD ST

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PATTERSON PARK-BRADFORD

E BALTIMORE ST

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GIS data Courtesy of
the City of Baltimore, MOIT/EGIS





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